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SUBJECT: POLEMICS AGAINST RFE CONTINUE

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1. ZYCIE WARSZAWY ON MARCH 8 CARRIED A LONG INTERVIEW
BY ITS PRAGUE CORRESPONDENT WITH PAVEL MINARIK. IT
GENERALLY REINFORCES EARLIER ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING
RFE BUT GOES FURTHER IN ALLEGING THAT RFE'S POLISH
SECTION WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROVOCATIVE ARRESTS
LAST NOVEMBER OF "POLISH DIPLOMATS" HENRYK WROBLEWICZ
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AND ZDISLAW BUTKIEWICZ. CLAIMING FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE,

MINARIK ASSERTS THAT RFE OFFICIALS CONSPIRED WITH CSU REPRESENTATIVES AND USED BAVARIAN POLICE AUTHORITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCREDITING POLAND AND THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND OF TORPEDOING THE RECENT FRG-POLISH AGREEMENTS. MINARIK CONTENTS THAT CSU LEADER STRAUSS, WHO HE SAYS MAINTAINS CLOSE TIES WITH RFE, VISITED THE STATION "RECENTLY" FOR A DETAILED BRIEFING.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH RFE HAD BEEN LINKED WITH THE WROBLEWICZ-BUTKIEWICZ INCIDENT BEFORE, THIS ARTICLE CHARGES DIRECT COMPLICITY. THE FATE OF THE FRG-POLISH AGREEMENTS IS TO BE DECIDED IN THE GERMAN BUNDES RAT ON MARCH 12, AND THE MINARIK INTERVIEW'S EXCLUSIVE FOCUS ON THE CSU IN THIS CONTEXT MAY REFLECT A CONSCIOUS EFFORT NOT TO ANTAGONIZE CDU OFFICIALS WHO WILL CAST THE DECIDING VOTES. ADDITIONALLY, THE ARTICLE APPEARS TO SET THE STAGE FOR EMPLOYING A POSSIBLE FAILURE OF RATIFICATION AS ANOTHER STICK FOR BEATING RFE.

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